

Georgia §1115 TEFRA Demonstration

FACT SHEET

Name of Section 1115 Demonstration: Georgia TEFRA Program

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SUMMARY

The Georgia Department of Community Health is proposing a Section 1115(a) demonstration to impose cost sharing requirements on children age 18 and under who are otherwise eligible for Medicaid under Section 134 of the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982 (TEFRA).

The sliding scale premium would be based on the income of the custodial parents, beginning with those earning more than \$25,000. The annual premium schedule ranges from \$250 to \$5,500 per family (or 1.00% - 2.75% of annual income).

TARGET POPULATION/ELIGIBILITY

Children eligible for the TEFRA demonstration must meet the following requirements:

- Be age 18 or under at the time of initial coverage.
- Be a United States citizen or qualified alien.
- Have a Social Security number or apply for one.
- Meet the SSI definition for disability.
- Meet the medical necessity requirement for institutional placement.
- Meet the income limit ("Medicaid Cap") used for institutional cases (parental income is not considered).
- Have countable assets that do not exceed \$2000 (parental assets are not considered).

NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS SERVED

Not applicable.

BENEFIT PACKAGE

The benefit package will include the full range of Medicaid services. The only changes will be the premium charges and the imposition of sanctions on families who voluntarily drop existing health insurance coverage.

COST SHARING

The sliding premium schedule applies to parental income of more than \$25,000. The annual premium ranges from \$250 to a maximum of \$5,500 (or 1.00% to 2.75% of annual income).

In determining parental income for the payment of premiums, the State will deduct the following:

- a) \$600.00 per child if the child lives in the home of the custodial parents and is listed as a dependent on the federal income tax return of the custodial parents.
- b) Excess medical and dental expenses, as itemized on the custodial parents federal income tax return.

ENROLLMENT LIMIT/CAP

There will be no cap on the number of children served.

DELIVERY SYSTEM

All services to children served under this demonstration will be delivered through the current network of enrolled Medicaid providers. Reimbursement for services provided to the demonstration population will be based on the current Medicaid fee schedule.

QUALITY ASSURANCE

Georgia will utilize the following quality assurance measures:

- Demonstration participants will have a formal appeal process to assure that they are not inappropriately denied enrollment or medical care or terminated from the program.
- A Surveillance and Utilization Review Subsystem (SURS) will be used to assure quality of services by identifying over or under recipient utilization and patterns of aberrant provider behavior.

MODIFICATION/AMENDMENTS

None have been submitted to date.

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